ARE YOU READY FOR A NURSING MAJOR?

Is nursing the major for you? Read and place check marks beside the following statements that apply to you.

Academic Performance

- My current overall GPA is 3.5 or higher.
  - The average overall GPA of students selected into the School of Nursing is 3.6.
  - 64 students are selected into a class every Fall and Spring.

- My Nursing Entrance Exam (HESI) score is 88 or higher.
  - The average score of students accepted into the MTSU School of Nursing is 88 out of 100 on the nursing entrance exam.

Academic Experience and Study Habits

- I love to study sciences.
- I am knowledgeable of Human Anatomy and Physiology. I completed the courses with the grade of B or higher. You have to have this knowledge for the Nursing classes and clinics.
- I am a good math student. I completed Applied Statistics with the grade of B or higher.
- I am an accurate speller of medical terminology. Examples: postprandial, ecchymosis, catheterization, dyslipidemia.
- I commit 3 hours for every 1 hour of class I am in to studying outside of class.

Nursing Professional Habits

- I do well on professional interviews such as job interviews.
- I enjoy working with sick people, juggling long hours, varied work shifts, and frequent overtime.
- I remain calm under very stressful conditions (life or death).
- I do not faint at the sight of blood.
- I am a good listener.
- I am detail orientated.
- I am a critical thinker.
- I am able to deal with needle sticks and human waste eliminations (secretions).
- I can remember several directions at a time under stressful conditions and act on them.
- I can show compassion, be kind, and patient during stressful times to patients, their family members, and friends.
- I do not have a problem professionally touching people and seeing them disrobed in a professional setting.

Future Steps

- I am willing to be in the pre-nursing program and meet all requirements. If I am not admitted to MTSU School of Nursing, I will have a back up major already planned and ready for implementation at the beginning of my Junior year.

Are you Ready?
If you answered Yes to at least 16 statements you are ready for the challenge of the Nursing major. Please understand being ready does not guarantee admittance into the School of Nursing.

If you answered Yes to 9-10 questions, you should plan to develop strong study skills. Attending the Academic Success Series is strongly suggested.

If you answered Yes to fewer than 9 questions, you are ‘at risk’ for not being admitted to the School of Nursing. Focus on developing strong personal study skills. Attend the Academic Success Series. Make plans to meet with your professors and advisor in order to develop a plan to succeed! We are here to help you!!!
## Admission Data for Last 11 Semesters

**MTSU School of Nursing**

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<tr>
<th>Semester</th>
<th>Average GPA</th>
<th>Average HESI Score</th>
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<td>Spring 2011</td>
<td>3.541</td>
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In Spring 2015 the interview portion of the score went from counting 33% to counting 20% of the composite score. The score is now based on a 2.0 for the interview, thus the drop in the overall scores.

**Changes to admission requirements:** Effective Fall 2016 for admission to nursing in Spring 2017

1) 3.0 minimum GPA  
2) 75% minimum score on HESI exam  
3) B or higher in BIOL 2010/2011 and BIOL 2020/2021; C or higher in all general education and other pre-requisite courses  
4) Students may only repeat one biology course one time for the three required biology courses: BIOL 2010/2011, 2020/2021, & 2230/2231

Please go to [www.mtsu.edu/nursing](http://www.mtsu.edu/nursing) for the full requirements and additional information.